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| REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL | Application No. 10/003,012 |
| | First Named Inventor Eldridge et al. |
| | Group Art Unit 2829 |
| | Examiner Name Vihn P. Nguyen |
| | Attorney Docket No. 20206-15 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
 - i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____
 - ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
 - iii. Other _____
- b. Enclosed
 - i. Amendment/Reply
 - ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. Notice of Related Applications and Patents

2. Miscellaneous

- a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required.)
- b. Other:

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Reply to Office Action of April 8, 2004

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- a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. ____.
 - i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. Other _____
 - iv. Any additional fee due in connection with the filing of this (these) paper(s)
- b. A check is enclosed that includes the RCE fee of \$770.00

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action of April 8, 2004, the period for response to which has been extended to September 8, 2004 by the accompanying Petition For Extension Of Time, and in conjunction with the filing of a Request For Continued Examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are shown on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

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